

PROCEEDINGS

Blue Mountain Distribution System Meeting, February 8, 1973

San Juan County Courthouse

The annual meeting of the Blue Mountain Distribution system was held in the San Juan County Courthouse, Monticello, Utah on February 8, 1973 at 1:00 pm. The meeting was opened by Don Norseth, Distribution Engineer, Division of Water Rights, Salt Lake City. The following persons representing the indicated organizations were in attendance at this meeting:

John Bene - Deputy State Engineer, Salt Lake City
Don Norseth - Distribution Engineer, Water Rights, Salt Lake City
Kenward H. McKinney - Area Engineer, Water Rights, Price
Max Dalton - Blue Mountain Irrigation Company
Lloyd Adams - North Creek and Spring Creek
Clyde M. Barton - Verdure Creek
Karl S. Barton - Verdure Creek
K. S. Barton - Verdure Creek
Max Bailey - Max Bailey Ranch
Evan Pehrson - Pioneer Irrigation Company
E. J. Sonderegger - Pioneer Irrigation Company
Francis Barton - Verdure Irrigation Company & Verdure Creek
William E. Palmer - Verdure Creek
Alfred Frost - North Creek & Spring Creek
Joe Christensen - Pioneer Irrigation Company

Mr. Norseth made a general statement on the agenda outlined. Mr. Norseth indicated that the February snow survey data had not yet been made available. He made a general statement on conditions statewide from observations made and known data to date. It was indicated that the State as a whole was in reasonably good condition for snowfall up to the 1st of February.

It was noted that Don Rogers who had been the River Commissioner for the past two years had indicated that he was no longer interested in the position. Mr. Clyde Christiansen was proposed to be the new commissioner. It was indicated that the matter of the river commissioner would be taken up at the proper time. Mr. Norseth relinquished the chair to Max Dalton, Chairman of the distribution system Committee.

Mr. Dalton asked that the minutes of the previous year's meeting be read. This was done by Mr. McKinney. Alfred Frost moved and Lloyd Adams seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The vote to accept the minutes as read was unanimous. Mr. Dalton then asked that Mr. Norseth read the financial statement, which he did. It was moved by Francis Barton and seconded by Alfred Frost to accept the financial report as read. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The question of the budget was then considered. It was moved by William E. Palmer and seconded by Alfred Frost to have the budget the same as it had been for 1972. Motion carried unanimously. The matter of the commissioner was then discussed. It was proposed to have Mr. Clyde Christiansen as commissioner. Mr. Christiansen indicated that if no other suitable person could be found to be commissioner, he would take the position as a favor to members of the system. He indicated he would perform the duties on the same basis as the previous commissioner. These conditions were acceptable to the members of the distribution system. Alfred Frost moved and E. J. Sonderegger seconded that the assessment for 1973 be \$400. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Mr. McKinney

indicated that he would go over the sytem with Mr. Christiansen when access thereto could be had.

Mr. McKinney then made a short statement about the maps of the Sheley Decree. Copies of these maps had been made available to the Southeastern Area Office of the State Engineer. Personnel at this office were making copies of these maps.

The matter of the committee for the Blue Mountain Distribution System was then considered. Alfred Frost nominated Max Dalton for chairman of the committee. The nomination was seconded by William E. Palmer. There were no other nominations and Mr. Dalton elected by acclamation. Francis Barton moved and the motion was seconded to retain the remainder of the committee as presently constituted. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

It was then moved by E. J. Sonderegger and seconded by William E. Palmer to adjourn the meeting. The voting in favor thereof was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting was over there was some discussion with the Verdure Creek users about whether there should be one measuring device installed to cover the primary water rights on Verdure Creek or if there should be one device at each point of diversion. Since the diversions could be measured by one measuring device installed in Verdure Creek, Mr. Bene indicated that one measuring device could be installed. If this proved to be unsatisfactory or unworkable it would be necessary to install one measuring device at each point of diversion.

